

**Constitutional amendment to Restore the Seniority of SC/ST Employees**

\*180. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government announced its resolve to bring about a constitutional amendment to restore the seniority of SCs and STs employees on promotion as it existed before issuing DOPT OM NO.20011/1/96-Estt. (D), dated the 30th January, 1997, in the Convention of SC/ST MPs on 5th December, 1999; and

(b) if so, the action taken ~~thereon~~ and the progress made in bringing about the proposed ~~constitutional~~ amendment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have since introduced in the Lok Sabha on 26.11.2001 the constitution (Ninety-Second) Amendment Bill, 2001 to amend article 16(4A) of the constitution to provide for consequential seniority also in the case of promotion by virtue of rule of reservation.

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**

**Employment Generation Under CBC and other schemes**

1200. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that performance of KVIC in employment generation under CBC, DSEP, BDP, Schemes was extremely poor;

(b) whether it is a fact that targets for DSEP and BDP were not achieved;

(c) whether it is also a fact that targets for employment generation under CBC scheme were also not achieved; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The district special employment programme (DSEP) and Block Development Programme (BDP) were taken up mainly in the backward districts where the institutional infrastructure of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) was weak. Moreover, under the Consortium of Bank Credit

(CBC) the projects were appraised and loans were disbursed by the KVIC, which is not a financial institution. This also resulted in slow progress of employment generation schemes.

**Loans for working capital**

1201. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether loans for working capital amounting to Rs.272.27 crores instead of term or composite loans, as envisaged by CBC scheme, were granted by KVIC ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) The Khadi and village Industries Commission (KVIC) has disbursed an amount of Rs.291.50 crores (Rs.264.37 crores for Khadi and Rs.27.13 crores for polyvastra) to Khadi and Ployvastra Programme as term loans.

(b) The line of Credit of Rs.1000 crores from a Consortium of Banks was provided to the KVIC for term loan for generating additional employment under the KVI sector. The requirement of Khadi/Polyvastra units, however, was that of working capital, as those units required very little fixed capital. Khadi/Ployvastra institutions, therefore, are treating Consortium of Bank Credit (CBC) loan as working capital loans.

**Promotion of coir products**

1202. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that marketing and sales of coir products in the country still require acceleration;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to augment promotion of marketing and sales of coir products in the domestic market;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to establish raw-material banks in the country to offer raw material; and

(d) the approximate number of people engaged in this industry?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA) : (a) Yes, Sir.